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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR

1923.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Greetland Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of bringing to your notice my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year ending 1923.

The area under the administration of the Council comprises 626 acres.

The population at the last census was 4490.

The estimated population on which statistics are based is 4353.

The number of inhabited houses is 1209.

The rateable value is estimated at £30,837.

The sum represented by a Penny Rate is £118.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—The total births registered in the District during the past three years are:—

1921.	1922.	1923.
71.	68.	48.

The rate per 1000 in 1921 was 16.0.
,, ,, 1922 ,, 15.3.
,, ,, 1923 ,, 11.02.

The rate per 1000 for England and Wales was in 1922 ... 20.6.

The rate per 1000 for England and Wales was in 1923 ... 19.7.

The birth rate shows rather a large decline, and is considerably below that of the country generally. There was one illegitimate birth as against 4 in 1922, and 2 in 1921.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths for the last three years was:—

1921.	1922.	1923.
52	63	56

The death rate for Greetland during the last 3 years was:—

1921.	1922.	1923.
11.7	14.2	12.8

The rate for England and Wales for the same period was:—

1921.	1922.	1923.
12.1	12.9	11.6

showing a decrease in the death rate on last year.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were three deaths of infants under one year, giving a rate of 62.5 per 1000 births as against 72.9 per 1000 births in 1922, and 56.3 per 1000 in 1921. The rate for England and Wales in 1923 being 69.

One was due to congenital malformation.

All births are notifiable to the County Medical Officer, and visiting is carried out by the County Visitors. There is no Clinic in Greetland, but the care and attention bestowed on the newly born is of a high order.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.
Diabetes	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	0
Cancer, Malignant Disease ...	0	6
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	1	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1
Heart Disease	3	9
Arterio Sclerosis	1	0
Bronchitis	1	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	0	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver	1	0
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	3	1
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	0	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation and Premature Birth	1	0
Suicide	3	1
Other Deaths from Violence ...	0	1
Other Defined Diseases	3	7
	23	33

The ages at which death took place are as follows:—

Under 2 years	...	2
,, 25 ,,	...	1
,, 35 ,,	...	7
,, 50 ,,	...	4
,, 65 ,,	...	13
Over 65 ,,	...	27

Of these 19 were over 70 years of age
9 ,, ,, 80 ,,
1 ,, ,, 90 ,,

During the year a new mortuary has been provided by the adaptation of an old building in the area of the Sewage Works. Its site and general arrangements are a great improvement on the accommodation previously available.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, shall apply in the district of this Council to the disease of Chicken Pox, as from Oct. 6th.

Below is a table showing the number of cases notified during the last three years:—

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Diphtheria	3	8	24
Erysipelas	3	7	1
Scarlet Fever	2	11	7
Enteric Fever	0	1	2
Pneumonia	6	9	17
Malaria	0	0	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	1
Tuberculosis of the Lungs ...	7	5	4
Other Forms of Tuberculosis ...	3	3	0
Chicken Pox	16	0	0

Both the Scarlet Fever cases were in one house, and both were removed to Hospital.

One of the Diphtheria cases was removed to Hospital.

One of the cases notified was found to be a Diphtheria carrier and was not suffering from the acute disease.

No case terminated fatally.

From January 23rd, 1923, to November 10th, 1923, with the exception of Chicken Pox, there was no Infectious Disease notified.

During the month of October to November there was a fair amount of Chicken Pox among very young children. It threatened at one time to spread among the school children, but fortunately did not assume the proportions expected.

Difficulty was again experienced in obtaining admission to Hospital for the case of Diphtheria.

The Halifax Infectious Disease Hospital was very full with Scarlet cases and had no Diphtheria Ward at that time. The case was removed to the Brighouse Infectious Disease Hospital, where there was not at that time any case of diphtheria in the Hospital.

We have still no definite arrangement as to the disposal of our Infectious Diseases.

As this is the first year Chicken Pox has been made notifiable in the district we have no comparison with the previous years.

There was a certain amount of Measles prevalent during May and June

As far as the Infections Disease returns are available, the year has been the best since 1918.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Seven cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, and three cases of Tuberculosis of other parts of the body.

Three of the cases were amongst school children.

Of the children one with positive Sputum was removed to Sanatorium, the other 2 are under the care of the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Sowerby Bridge.

Of the Adults 2 were old standing cases found not to have been notified.

One of the fresh cases notified, died during the year.

One with positive Sputum was removed to Sanatorium.

Of the cases of Tuberculosis of other parts, one died, one has recovered.

Nearly all cases attend the Tuberculosis Dispensary, and Disinfection at the houses is carried out whenever possible on removal to Sanatorium, or death.

The services of the County Laboratory are freely used in the examination of Sputa, etc.

SMALL POX.

No cases have been notified.

Efficient accommodation is at the disposal of the Sanitary Authorities if required.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply has been of the usual good quality, and has not had to be curtailed.

It is derived from the supply to the Halifax Borough. The water supplied by the well to the four houses at Coppy Nook, Greetland, was found to contain an excess of lead. The supply was ordered to be discontinued pending alterations

HOUSING.

There is no further progress to report concerning the Housing conditions.

The Housing Scheme for the erection of 14 Dwelling Houses at Haughcroft Head is at present awaiting the sanction of the Ministry.

No houses were condemned as unfit for habitation, and no cases of overcrowding were dealt with owing to the difficulties of the situation.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Drainage and Sewerage are satisfactory and efficient. It will be seen from the Inspector's report that 478 visits of inspection were paid by the Sanitary Inspector.

42 Tub Closets were converted to the Water carriage system.

Good progress is being made in substituting Ash Bins for Middens, 18 being so dealt with during the year.

FOOD.

No case of illness of a serious nature through food has been brought to the notice of the Sanitary Authorities during the year.

All places where food is exposed for sale appear to be kept clean and in good order.

There is a considerable increase in the number of small retailers of sweets, etc. The practice of exposing for sale various condiments in a small room, often partially used as a living room, cannot be looked upon as ideal. It would seem, however, to be a growth of recent bad trade, and no illness has been traced to it. Milk supply is obtained from the surrounding farms, and is, on the whole, of good quality.

There are 13 Cowsheds in the Greetland area, and most of them are up to the average. In nearly all cases a good effort is made to keep the sheds clean and tidy. In all cases the milk cans and utensils are very effectively cleaned.

More improvement could be made on more modern lines of washing provision for the attendants and washing of the udders, etc., before milking.

Very little of the milk is sent away, most is consumed in the neighbourhood.

FISH FRYING INDUSTRY.

During the year an inspection of the places where the fish frying industry was carried on was made.

There are five places where the industry is in progress. In all cases modern ranges and methods were employed, and due regard was paid to cleanliness and the disposal of refuse. Beyond a few minor sanitary matters, no fault was found with the conditions.

A report on the conditions was presented to the Council, and there was not considered sufficient evidence to make this an offensive trade.

MEAT.

There is the addition of one Slaughterhouse to be noted, making four in the area. All are visited periodically by the Sanitary Inspector, and are found to be in good order.

SCHOOLS.

The condition of the Schools remains satisfactory. There was no serious disease among school children. The schools were closed two days before the Whitsuntide holidays, as owing to the very severe cold and wet weather, and the prevalence of colds amongst the children as shown by the decreased attendance, it was thought that more serious illness might be stayed.

In conjunction with the County Authority Health Week was observed by a lecture to the children at the West Vale School.

THE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

During the year the District Nurse paid 4,850 visits and attended 30 Midwifery cases.

The Association continues to grow in popularity.

There are no other Certified Midwives employed by any other Public Authority.

There is very little Venereal Disease in the District.

Surgical cases, accidents, etc., are mostly treated at the Halifax

Infirmary, where there is also a Venereal Clinic.

GENERAL.

The year ending has been exceedingly wet. Summer was conspicuous by its absence, and yet looking over the statistics for the year it cannot be said that the bad weather has produced an unhealthy year. As far as Infectious diseases are concerned the year has been exceptionally free. The acquisition of the Claye House Estate by the Council will provide a long felt want by placing at the disposal of the Public generally a large recreation area. It has for some time been pointed out that there was nowhere for children and elderly people to sit or walk with safety.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. N. INGHAM,
Medical Officer of Health,
Greetland.

TABLE C.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1923, for Nuisances only, 478.

Nuisances reported in 1923, 62 Total needing abatement, 65.
Nuisances in hand,end of 1922,3. Abated during 1923, 64.
Outstanding end of 1923, 1.

Notices served, Informal 33. Complied with, 33.
,, ,, Statutory, 0. ,, ,, 0.

Total Number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, 0.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, etc., in District—

Common Lodging Houses, Nil. Knackers' Yards, Nil.
Houses Let in Lodgings Nil. Tents, Vans, and Sheds, Nil.
Canal Boats, Nil. Offensive Trades, Nil.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Any developments during 1923?.—None.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers.—None.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers.—None.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints relating thereto?—None.

Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection?—Very few.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No of Privies with open middens.—Nil.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets.—302.

No. of Privies with covered middens.—6.

No. of Water Closets, 619. Waste Water Closets, 0.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1923 (a) as W.C.'s, Nil; (b) other, 42 Tubs.

No. of ADDITIONAL Closets provided for old property in 1923: (a) W.C.'s, 10; (b) other, Nil.

No. of Closets constructed in 1923 for new houses: (a) W.C.'s., Nil; (b) others, Nil.

SCAVENGING.

Any change during 1923?—None.

Performed by (a) Council.—Yes.

How is refuse disposed of?—

No. of loads to (a) Destructor.—None; (b) Tips—Approximately 800 loads; (c)—Farmers, all tub contents to 2 farms. Total annual cost, £200.

Is there any inadequacy, and where?—None.

Any utilization or salvage of waste material?—No.

WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1923?—None.

Was supply restricted in any way?—No.

Any general insufficiency, and where?—None.

Any action with regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where?—Supply to 4 houses at Coppy Nook found to contain excess of lead, and supply discontinued.

Any new sources added?—No.

Any disused sources re-used?—No.

MILK SUPPLY.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act?—(a) For Retailers—Yes; (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distibutors of:—"Certified" milk—No.; "Grade A"—No; "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)"—No; "Grade A (Pasteurised)"—No; "Pasteurised"—No.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts—None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination—None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Cows?—None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1923?—None.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk—9. No. Registered—9.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers—9.

No. who are Milk Retailers only—7.

Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered—16.

Total No. of Cowsheds—13.

Total No. of Inspections in 1923—40.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Regulations?—None.

Any legal action—None.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent?—No.

OTHER FOODS.

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts—None.

No. adulterated—None.

No. of seizures of unsound food—None.

Number of Prosecutions—None.

Any Public Abattoir?—None. What accommodation?—None.

No. of Slaughterhouses—4. No. Registered—4. No. Licenced 4. No. unsatisfactory, structurally, or in bad position—None.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected?—4.

Total number of Inspections—16.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs—None; (b) Unsound Food—None; (c) re Slaughter Houses—None.

Bakehouses, No. 4. Any underground—None. Total No of Inspection—Periodical.

SCHOOLS.

No. of Schools in district—3. No. visited by M.O.H.—3.

Action taken—None required.

Schools closed by M.O.H.—Greetland, West Vale, 2 days.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No. of smoke observations taken—None.

No. of Cautions—None. Legal Notices—None.

Summonses—None.

No. of Workshops—37.

No. of times each Workshop inspected—None.

Total Inspection—19.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed—No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Acts adopted during 1923—None.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Any Bye-Laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements.—None.

Any others adopted or revised during 1923—None.

Any relaxation of Bye-Laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919—None.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1923?—None. Some Chicken Pox. State Months—October-November.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list?—Chicken Pox.

Any influences threatening the health of the District?—No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases?—No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages?—No.

HOSPITAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General: Accident, None; Children, None

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage, None; Infectious, General, None, Smallpox, Lindley.

(c) Maternity, None. Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases?—No.

(d) Clinic and Treament Centre not provided by County Council Scheme—None.

Address: General Infirmary and Infectious Disease Hospital of Halifax Borough, or the Brighouse Infectious Diseases Hospital used.

Whether any other disease (e.g. Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital—No.

TUBERCULOSIS.

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop—Yes.

(2) Examination for contacts—If necessary.

(3) Is house disinfected—Yes. When?—After removal or death.

(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed—Mostly attend Dispensary, if not generally, Personal advice given.

(5) Action re spitting—Flasks provided.

(6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary?—Yes.

(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum—Generally an endeavour made to send patients to Sanatorium through Dispensary.

(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners?—Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY.

(County Laboratory) Any suggestions?—No. Very efficient.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Any suggestions?—Not excessive.

What organised effort to control it?—None beyond post-natal visits by Nurse.

Any voluntary centres for child or mother welfare?—No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1923?—None.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action?—No.

SUGGESTIONS will be welcomed regarding (a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes; (b) Ante-natal Schemes.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births during 1923—Males 27, Females 21. Total 48.

No. illegimate included in above—1.

No. of Still Births (not included)—None.

Deaths during 1923— (1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the District, without any correction—44.

(2) Nett Deaths on which rates are calculated—Males 23, Females 33.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above)—5.

MORTUARIES. What accommodation—

(a) for accidents—Stone building on Sewage Estate.

(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital.—None.

(c) for other purposes—None.

SANITARY STAFF.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.?—£50.

Name of Sanitary Inspector, J. Robinson.

Annual Salary as Inspector, £160.

Other appointments held, Water Inspector.

Salary for such other appointments, £90.

Any assistants?—No. Is staff sufficient?—Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by the Ministry of Health?—Yes.

CLINICS. Any Suggestions—

Venereal Diseases—Not Much Venereal trouble. Halifax Clinic easily reached.

ANY REMARKS as to—

(a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment—None.

(b) District Nursing Association—Doing good work.

(c) Any Dispensary—No. Worked from Sowerby Bridge.

(d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.)—From the County.

(e) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting do. do. and medical attendant—None.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS.

Report on the Fish Frying Industry.—Found to be carried on under satisfactory conditions, and not sufficient evidence to warrant it being made an offensive trade.

TABLE D.

Summary of Housing Work during 1923.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1922—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923.—0.

Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects (Public Health Acts)—0.

Houses totally unfit (Sections 17 and 18) 1909—0.

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1923 under Acts and Regulations.—

Total inspected and recorded—0.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection—0.

Houses needing further action—0.

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923.—

Houses found with defects—0.

Houses of this class remedied without formal notice—0.

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—0

Houses made fit after formal notice—0.

Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner—0.

Houses in regard to which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices—0.

Action under Public Health Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923.—None.

Unfit Houses. No action. Dealt with under Public Health Acts.

Appeals. No action. Dealth with under Public Health Acts.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1923.—No action. Dealt with under Public Health Acts.

Other Action in regard to Housing.—

Total number of houses in district—1209.

Number of working-class houses—1180.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919—Does not come up to the standard mentioned.

Obstructive Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890 Act?—None.

Result of action (if any).—None.

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act?—None.

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act.—If so give particulars—None.

Reconstruction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act?—None.

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act? If so, give particulars—None.

UNFIT HOUSES.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act? —None.

Do. Do.—Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894?—None.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923?—None.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where?—General.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where?—A certain amount of overcrowding, which cannot yet be dealt with.

Any special activity in house building, and where?—None.

State-aided Housing Schemes.—

A. Scheme under 1919 Act.—

Number of houses erected in 1923: (1) By Council—None; (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy—None.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act.—

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act?—Yes.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval?—Yes. Has it been approved?—Yes.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same—Sanction to build 28 houses by Council and 20 by private enterprise.

Number of hoses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1923.—None.

Ditto ditto by Private Persons ditto ditto—None.

Ditto ditto by Public Utility Societies ditto ditto—None.

Total number of houses built in the district under all conditions in 1923—None.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Section 17 (7))1909 Act?—None.

Town Planning—

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee—No.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1923 deciding to prepare a scheme?—No.

Any scheme contemplated—No.

Have Council propounded a scheme in 1923?—No.

Has a Scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1923?—No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1923? —No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval?—No.

Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910?—J. Robinson. Sanitary Inspector's Office: Greetland.

(Signed) H. N. INGHAM,
Medical Officer of Health.

GREETLAND

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

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SANITARY INSPECTOR,

FOR

1923.

To the Chairman and Members of the Greetland Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to submit to you my Twentieth Annual Report on the work of the Health Department for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

Summary of Work Carried Out.

Total number of Inspections by Inspector ...	478
Visits to Dwellinghouses re Infectious Disease	27
Inspections of Drainage work in progress ...	322
Nuisances Reported	62
Nuisances in hand December 31st, 1922 ...	3
Nuisances abated in 1923	64
Intimation Notices Served	33
Tub Closets altered to Water Carriage ...	42
Ash Bins to Substitute Middens ...	18
Additional Water Closets to old property ...	10

Nuisances Dealt With.

Defective and Offensive Cesspools	1
Accumulations of Manure and Offensive Matter	4
Defective Spouting	16
Defective Drainage	25
Untrapped and Defective Sink Waste Pipes ...	5
Defective Closets and Ash Pits	60
Dirty Dwellinghouses	2

Infectious Diseases.

Eight cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year, 1 case of Diphtheria and 2 cases of Scarlet fever were removed to Hospital, and the remainder were efficiently isolated in their own homes.

The cases were as follows:—

Diphtheria	...	... 3	cases
Scarlet Fever	...	... 2	,,
Erysipelas	...	... 3	,,
Chicken Pox	...	... 16	,,

Disinfection.

12 Rooms have been disinfected with Formalin after the recovery or removal of cases of infectious disease. 2 Dwellinghouses were cleansed and fumigated with Sulphur on account of dirty and verminous condition.

Closet Conversions.

Steady progress is being made with the conversion of Tub Closets to the Water Carriage System. 42 of this type of closet have been converted during the year.

The following table shows the position as regards Closet Accommodation in the district:—

January, 1923.		January, 1924.	
Tub Closets	... 344	Tub Closets	... 302
Water Closets	... 567	Water Closets	... 619
Privy Middens	... 6	Privy Middens	... 6

Factories and Workshops Acts.

Number of Workshops on Register	...	37
Number of Visits to Workshops	...	19
Number of Visits to Factories	...	6

As a result of these inspections the closet accommodation at one factory has been improved, and 2 workplaces cleansed and limewashed.

There has been little cause for complaint as regards smoke from factory chimneys, and it has been found unnecessary to take any action under this head.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Number of Cowkeepers on the Register	...	9
Visits of Inspection to Cowsheds	... ...	40

Generally speaking the Sheds are kept in fair condition, taking into consideration the fact that most of them are very old buildings.

Milk and Dairies Amendment Act.

16 Purveyors of Milk have been registered during the year under the above Act. 9 of these are local farmers, and 7 have farms outside the Council's area.

Slaughter Houses.

Number on the Council's Register ... 4

These Slaughter-houses are all licensed by the Council, and the holder of the licence should make application for renewal each year. This has not been carried out up to date. Periodical visits are made to each of these places, and no cause for complaint has been noticed.

Sewage Disposal Works.

The Works continue to give satisfaction, and no complaints have been received.

230 loads of sludge have been recovered and disposed of at the local farms during the year.

Mortuary.

A Stone Outhouse at the Sewage Disposal Works has been transformed into a Mortuary during the past year. A concrete slab is installed and Town's water and gas laid on, making it a very satisfactory building for the purpose.

General.

The sanitary surroundings in the district are fairly good. Sewerage and drainage gives little cause for complaint, and the Council's staff carry out the whole of the Scavenging work in a highly satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

John H. Robinson,

Sanitary Inspector.